C. Mother Lode Internet has also experienced a period of extreme growth in business activity and new personnel. However, the cumbersome and challenging eRate process was literally unknown to new Management and therefore not addressed by new employees in a timely manner.

2006-2007 has afforded Mother Lode Internet the opportunity to hire additional employees for our small home-town company. We now have designated staff responsible for handling the eRate process for our company and wish to continue participation on behalf of the Tuolumne County Public Library (TCPL). All services for 2003-2004 (the year in question for this Appeal) were delivered and the TCPL has previously paid for their discounted share.

Summary:

Clarke Broadcasting Corporation dba Mother Lode Internet hereby appeals to the FCC to reverse the USAC denial dated 9/7/07 in regards to FRN 914088 and direct USAC to do the following:

- 1. Reissue the 2003-2004 3rd quarter payment in the amount of \$392.00.
- 2. Reverse the 2003-2004 4th quarter Invoice Deadline Extension denial.

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